REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to identify this application as a division of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/742,206, filed on October 31, 1996, in which a Notice of Allowance was mailed on May 20, 2003, and the issue fee was paid on August 20, 2003.

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-17 and 89-90 have been canceled. Claims 18-88 and 91-102 remain pending in the application. No new matter has been introduced. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment and examination on the merits are respectfully requested.

A check for $2,764.00 is attached hereto to cover the filing fees of this application. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4305US3.

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